

REMARKS

This amendment is responsive to the Office Action mailed June 27, 2008. Reconsideration and allowance of claims 1-19 are requested.

Status of the Claims

The Office Action mailed July 26, 2008 reports examination of claims 1-19.

Claims 1-19 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly unpatentable in view of Richard, EP 0737867 in view of Barbic, US 7,202,667 (hereinafter "Barbic").

The Rejections Should be Withdrawn and the Claims Allowed

All claims stand rejected based on a proposed combination relying upon Barbic. As noted in the Office Action at page 3, Barbic has an effective U.S. priority date of June 7, 2004 (via U.S. Provisional No. 60/577,907).

The present application is a national stage entry of PCT/IB05/50602, which claims priority to U.S. Provisional No. 60/549,732 filed March 3, 2004. This priority was also claimed in the national stage entry as evidenced at least by the Application Data Sheet:

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The Office has not alleged or shown that any claim of the present application is unsupported by U.S. Provisional No. 60/549,732 filed March 3, 2004, and a brief review of the provisional suggests that its disclosure is substantially coextensive with the disclosure of the present application.

U.S. Provisional No. 60/549,732 filed March 3, 2004 predates Barbic's effective U.S. priority date of June 7, 2004. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that Barbic does not qualify as prior art against the present application.

As all pending rejections rely upon a proposed combination including Barbic, it is respectfully submitted that these rejections should be withdrawn. There being no other pending rejection of any of claims 1-19, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1-19 are in condition for allowance. Applicants therefore respectfully request allowance of all claims 1-19.

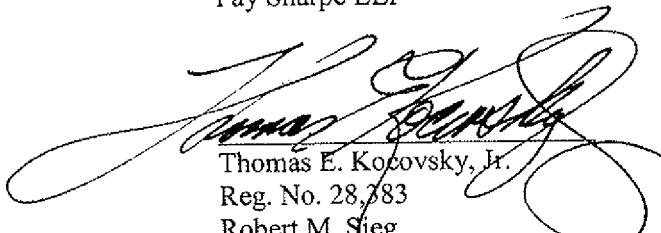
CONCLUSION

For the reasons set forth above, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of claims 1-19.

In the event that personal contact is deemed advantageous to the disposition of this case, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned at (216) 861-5582.

Respectfully submitted,

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